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## NEW COMMITTEES ARE NAMED BY CHAIRMAN SMITH

**Board of Supervisors Does Some Business and  
Indulges in a Little Politics About Convict  
Labor in the Quarries.**

Committee on Ways and Means—Archer and Moore.  
Committee on Public Expenditures—Adams and Paele.  
Committee on roads, bridges, parks and public improvements—Lucas and Adams.  
Committee on Police Department—Adams and Cox.  
Committee on Fire Department—Lucas and Cox.  
Committee on Sanitation and health—Moore and Archer.

Chairman Smith announced the above list of standing committees at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors last night, and the board did a little harmless politics in the matter of the employment of prison labor in the quarries. Also, the board did some business. It always does, being a body of business men.

After the minutes had been read and approved, Treasurer Trent reported that he had been served with a garnishment in behalf of E. C. Waterhouse against Peter Correa, an employee of the fire department, for \$98.90. Supervisor Moore explained that this was an old debt, inherited from the territorial regime, and that the man acknowledged that it was just. The matter was placed on file.

Like action was taken in the case of the garnishment brought by John Reddy against W. W. Boyd, also employed in the fire department, for \$32.18. These matters were reported to the board by Trent in pursuance of an order already made.

The following opinion was received from the county attorney, and placed on file: "In response to your communication as to whether the territorial auditor has the right to prescribe the form of books to be kept in the county offices, I beg to state that Section 85 of the County Act undoubtedly vests this power in the territorial auditor. The duty is imposed upon the territorial auditor of instituting a uniform system throughout the several counties, and of prescribing a form of books to be kept by each county officer."

"E. A. DOUTHITT,  
County Attorney."

Supervisor Adams introduced the following resolution:

"Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Oahu: That the County Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to negotiate the sale of the Territorial Warrant to be issued by the Auditor of the Territory of Hawaii to the Treasurer of the County of Oahu on the last legal day of July, 1905, as provided in sub-division 1 of Section 1 of Act 93 of the Session Laws of 1905, at a discount for cash of one-third of one per cent. "And the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay out of the proceeds of the sale of the said warrant the said discount of one-third of one per cent, taking a proper voucher therefor and submitting same to this Board for approval and appropriation."

Treasurer Trent said that he could discount the warrant at about the rate named in the resolution, which would be at the rate of six per cent for four months. If the entire warrant could be discounted by the county, it would enable him to pay employes in cash, and save them discounting their county warrants. This would cost the county \$100, and save \$600—an amount worth saving.

The resolution was referred to the committee on public expenditures, and was reported back favorably and adopted, after the Supervisors had had a short recess to enable the committee to consider the matter.

S. K. Manua applied for a place as keeper of one of the parks, and the application went to the committee on roads.

Lucas moved that the county attorney be asked to draw up an ordinance regulating shooting and the carrying of firearms, as he said that boys who went shooting in private grounds had become considerable of a nuisance. He thought the matter might be reached by imposing a small license tax.

Mr. Douthitt told the Board that the matter was covered by Territorial law, and the Supervisors could hardly do anything about it. However, the Lucas motion carried.

Paele introduced a resolution appropriating \$500 for the month of August to be expended on the roads in Koolau-poko. Referred to the roads committee. A number of communications from various road supervisors went the same way, and a couple of bills from the county attorney went to the public expenditures committee.

In response to a question from Supervisor Lucas, County Attorney Douthitt gave it as his opinion, off hand, that the road department could spend sums of \$500 and upward for road work without advertising for bids. Mr. Douthitt, however, wanted time to prepare a formal opinion and this was granted.

A motion by Lucas instructing the county attorney to prepare an ordinance requiring property owners to curb improved streets was passed, five to two.

Then Supervisor Moore brought up the matter of the removal of the convicts from the quarries, to say that he would be opposed to convict labor if its employment involved the expenditure of any money. But it did not. The convicts were extra. All the citizens that could be employed for the money in hand were employed. To throw out the prison laborers now would mean a loss of that much labor to the county. The prisoners furnished the rock, and the citizens were paid to put it on the roads.

"As a matter of principle," said Chairman Smith, "I am opposed to convict labor, either here or on the mainland."

Road Supervisor Sam Johnson, being asked his opinion as to what was the best labor for the quarries, said the convicts were better for the reason that they were more accustomed to the work and had been at it longer.

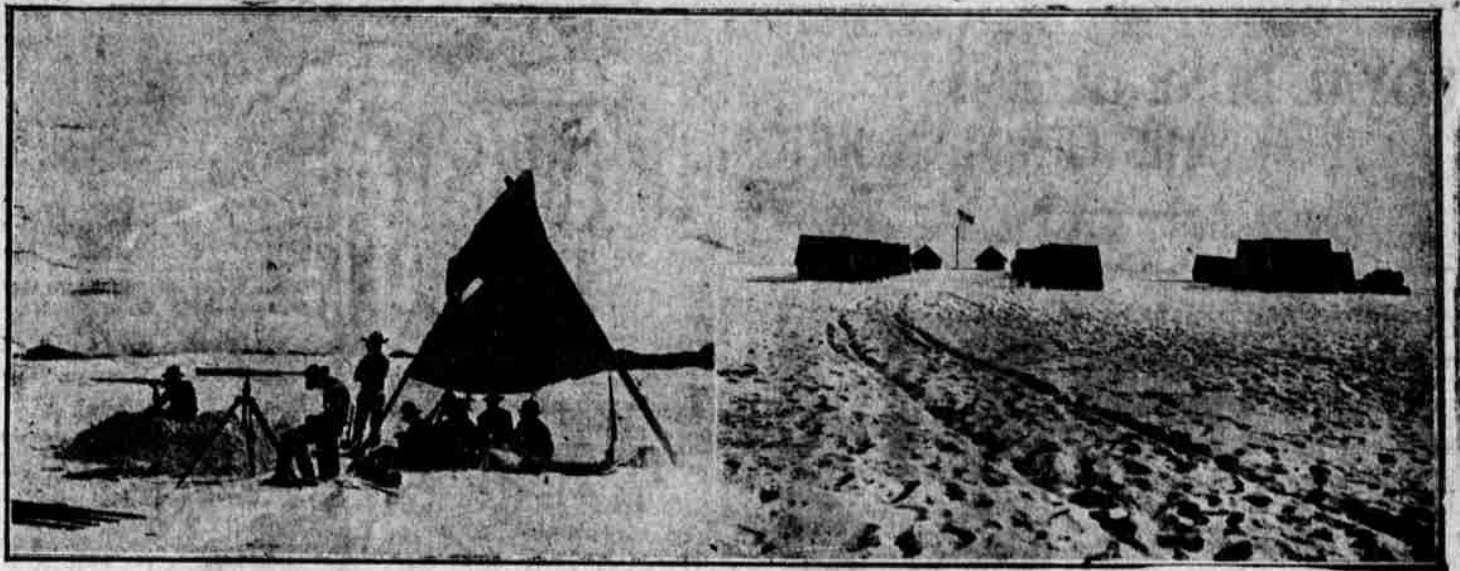
Adams thought that it was a matter of lunaship. Properly supervised, free men would do more work than convicts.

Moore did not think that free men should be put at breaking rocks. It was too hard work.

Lucas said the citizen laborers were getting all the money the board had to spend on the roads now. The convict labor was in addition to that, and cost nothing. The discussion closed.

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## MIDWAY MARINE CAMP WRECKED



TWO SNAPSHOTS AT THE CAMP OF THE UNITED STATES MARINES WHICH WAS DESTROYED BY THE TERRIFIC HURRICANE WHICH SWEEP MIDWAY ISLAND.

## NEW COLLEGE BUILDINGS

**Plans for Improvement  
On the Punahou  
Campus**

At the annual meeting of the trustees of Oahu College, held yesterday afternoon in P. C. Jones's office in the Judd building, a number of important matters pertaining to improvements about the college were discussed and acted upon.

The terms of office of trustees, Prof. W. D. Alexander, and Judge S. B. Dole having expired these gentlemen were re-elected for a new term of six years each. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, A. F. Griffiths; vice president, Prof. W. D. Alexander; treasurer, P. C. Jones; secretary, A. F. Judd; auditor, Clarence H. Cooke.

The treasurer reported that the corporation was out of debt and had a balance of \$50,000 on hand to invest in new buildings.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee reported a general plan for laying out the grounds and also a general plan to build to in the future. The present plan is to remove all the old original buildings save Bingham hall, which is now used as the girls' dormitory and diningroom. This will be changed to a school building and the space devoted to class rooms, and hereafter all the school buildings will be

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## THE MACHINE JOLTED HARD

**Supervisors Object to  
Reorganizing the  
Departments.**

The executive committee of the Republican county committee has passed the patronage buck up to the Board of Supervisors, and thereby somewhat crippled the proposed Brown political machine at its very inception.

That was about the net result of the meeting of the executive committee held behind closed doors at the committee rooms on Fort street at noon Wednesday. It seems that there had been a plan on foot to reorganize the Police, Fire and Garbage and Road Departments, turning out all those men who had not supported the straight Republican ticket in the county election, and filling their places with party workers, without much regard to any qualification other than party standing—if that is a qualification.

Thus, the county committee was to be used to build up a machine that would smash any and every effort hereafter to secure honest administration—if honest administration did not include administration in behalf of the bosses. And, of course, it could not do that. With honest administration, the machine would have nothing to gain.

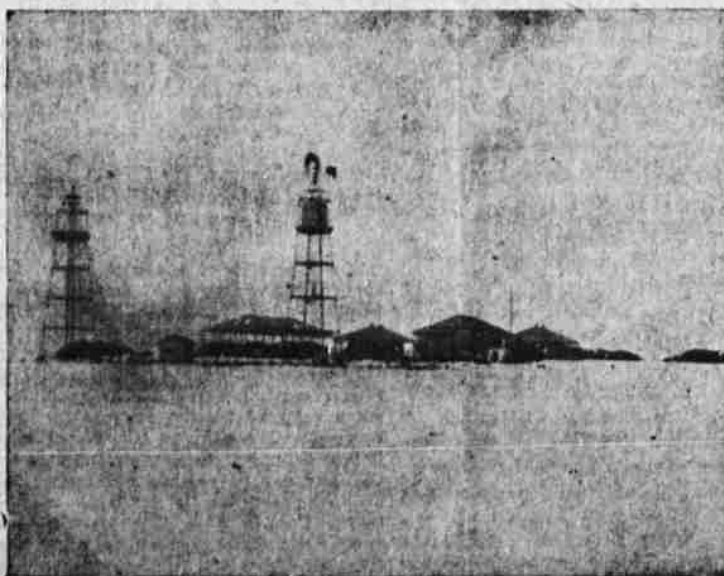
This was going rather far, however. In fact, it was going somewhat farther than the committee quite dared,

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## GOVERNMENT IS DEFEATED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)

LONDON, July 21.—The government was defeated in the House of Commons yesterday by a majority of three. The vote was on a motion to reduce the membership from Ireland.



BUILDINGS OF THE COMMERCIAL PACIFIC CABLE COMPANY'S MIDWAY ISLAND STATION. PHOTO TAKEN DURING THEIR CONSTRUCTION.

## Terrific Hurricane Sweeps the Cable Island—Much Damage Done, but No Lives Are Lost.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)

MIDWAY ISLAND, July 21.—A terrific storm has swept this island. The camp of the United States marines has been destroyed.

LATER—The local office of the cable company received a dispatch early this morning stating that the weather had cleared up and that the storm was over.

Midway Island, a little speck of sand in the midst of the sea some 1200 miles northwest of Honolulu has been visited by a terrific hurricane that threatened to sweep the island and all its inhabitants into the ocean. The islet is inhabited by the employees of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company which maintains a station composed of fine buildings on the island. With the cable people are about twenty United States marines whose camp of tents has been destroyed by the fury of the storm. These marines are from the detachment at the local naval station and are relieved at intervals.

Last Monday morning the storm broke with tremendous fury. The wind blew at a rate estimated as from seventy to eighty miles an hour and great seas were hurled over the reef. Sand Island, on which the cable station and marine camp are located, was flooded, the waters tearing a channel through it which was subsequently filled with sand when the waves subsided. Much damage was done to the old cable station although the new buildings have not been reported as injured. There was no loss of life as far as known and the latest report states that the storm is over.

## CHINA ASSERTS RIGHTS REGARDING MANCHURIA

WASHINGTON, July 21.—China has notified the powers that she will not recognize any disposition of Manchuria unless she is consulted with regard to it.

ENVOY KOMURA EN ROUTE

SEATTLE, July 21.—Baron Komura has departed for New York.

ARMY WANTS ANOTHER TRY.

GUNSHU PASS, July 21.—A prominent Russian commander has declared that the army does not share the peace desires of the government.

## CROP FAILURE THREATENS RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 21.—Several sections report hot winds which have aggravated the deplorable crop conditions now prevailing in many parts of the empire.

## AFTER LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

ALBANY, July 21.—A committee of the New York state legislature has been appointed to investigate the life insurance companies.

## SERIOUS DISORDERS IN SPAIN.

SEVILLE, July 21.—There have been serious disorders here arising from the general distress.

## GREAT STRIKE IS ENDED.

CHICAGO, July 21.—The great teamsters' strike has been called off.

## JARED SMITH WILL HELP TO SETTLE PUBLIC LANDS

Yesterday Acting-Governor Atkinson had a long and most satisfactory conference with Jared G. Smith, head of the Agricultural Experiment Station, relative to co-operation in the matter of homesteaders on public lands.

"One of our great problems is to get people on the land," said the Governor yesterday. "In order to show men that they can work the soil profitably, we must show them what they can cultivate to make a living, and Mr. Smith can be of the utmost service to us in this. He knows what will grow best, what can be grown with most

profit in any given locality. It is his business to find that out.

"For instance, Mr. Smith is experimenting with mangoes now—or, rather, one of his assistants is. I had not a very clear idea of what he is doing at the station, not having been there for a long time, and I wanted to find out. Also, I wanted some light on the Hamakua tobacco experiment. I found out all that I wanted to, and that Mr. Smith, moreover, enthusiastically willing to co-operate with us in any move that we make to settle public lands. My interview with him, indeed, was eminently and entirely satisfactory."